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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

S. A. Rubin et al.

Application No.: 09/010,377

Filed: January 21, 1998

For: TREATMENT OF VIRAL  
ENCEPHALITIS BY AGENTS  
BLOCKING ALPHA-VLA-4  
INTEGRIN FUNCTION

Examiner: Philip Gabel

Art Unit: 1644

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 16, line 7, please replace "encehpalitis" with "encephalitis".

On page 17, line 26, please replace "HIV-1" with "HSV-1".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 13 as follows. All pending and unamended claims are reproduced in small type for ease of reference.